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SUBJECT: JIJI PRESS POLL ON ATOMIC POWER GENERATION IN JAPAN

SUMMARY: JIJI PRESS CONDUCTED POLL ON ATOMIC POWER GENERATION JUNE 10-13 AMONG SAMPLE OF OVER 1,500 ADULTS. (A) ALMOST TWO FIFTHS SAID JAPAN SHOULD FURTHER DEVELOP OWN ATOMIC POWER GENERATION, WHILE ABOUT ONE EIGHTH FELT OTHERWISE. (B) ASKED ABOUT PLUSES AND MINUSES OF A-POWER GENERATION, OVER ONE THIRD EXPRESSED VIEW A-POWER IS IMPORTANT SOURCE OF ENERGY TO SUBSTITUTE FOR COAL AND PETROLEUM. ONE SIXTH HELD A-POWER MORE ADVANTAGEOUS THAN THERMAL POWER GENERATION IN TERMS OF ENERGY STORAGE. AS TO MINUSES, JUST UNDER ONE THIRD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION BY RADIOACTIVITY, FOLLOWED BY ONE FOURTH FEARFUL OF ENORMOUS DAMAGES POSSIBLE AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT. (C) TWO FIFTHS DID NOT THINK A-POWER GENERATION SAFE, WHILE ABOUT ONE EIGHTH THOUGHT IT SAFE. END SUMMARY.

FULL TEXT OF SURVEY QUESTIONS:

1. SINCE THE OIL SHOCK LAST YEAR, ATOMIC POWER GENERATION H
BEGUN TO BE LOOKED UPON AS A NEW SOURCE OF ENERGY. CONSIDERING
ITS ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES DO YOU THINK JAPAN SHOULD
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FURTHER DEVELOP OWN ATOMIC POWER GENERATION, OR DON'T YOU THINK

SO?: (A) SHOULD DEVELOP, 38.9; (B) DON'T THINK SO, 13.4; (C)
CANNOT SAY EITHER WAY, 20.4; (D) DK, 27.4.

2. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ATOMIC POWER GENERATION ARE LISTED ON THIS CARD. PLEASE CHOOSE AS MANY ANSWERS AS YOU THINK ARE CLOSE TO YOUR OPINION. (7580)3 430)83): (A) VERY LITTLE ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION, 10.8; (B) EASIER ENERGY STORAGE THAN THERMAL POWER GENERATION, 16.4; (C) CONCERNED ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL RADIOACTIVE POLLUTION, 30.2; (D) HIGH TEMPERATURE DISKVG OF COOLING WATER MAY HAVE SERIOUS EFFECTS, 6.2; (E) FEEL UNEASY BECAUSE REACTOR TECHNOLOGY HAS NOT FULLY BEEN DEVELOPED, THERE HAVE BEEN SERIES OF ACCIDENTS AND BREAKDOWNS WHOSE CAUSES WERE UNKNOWN, 25.2; (F) TECHNIQUES TO DISPOSE OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES HAVE NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY DEVELOPED, 13.4 (G) POSSIBILITY OF SERIOUS DAMAGE IN CASE OF ACCIDENT, 25.4; (H) IT IS IMPORTANT SOURCE OF ENERGY TO TAKE THE PLACE OF COAL AND OIL, 36.3; (I) OTHER, P.6; (J) DK, 25.4.

3. DO YOU THINK ATOMIC POWER GENERATION IS SAFE, OR DON'T YOU THINK SO?: (A) SAFE, 13.8; (B) DON'T THINK SO, 40.3; (C) DK, 45.9.

4. SOME OPINIONS ABOUT CONSTRUCTION OF ATOMIC POWER PLANTS ARE LISTED ON THIS CARD. PLEASE CHOOSE AS MANY ANSWERS AS YOU THINK ARE CLOSE TO YOUR OPINION. (MULTIPLE REPLIES): (A) UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, LOCAL RESIDENTS NATURALLY ARE OPPOSED TO CONSTRUCTION OF ATOMIC POWER PLANTS, 25.8; (B) CONSTRUCTION OF POWER PLANTS SHOULD BE PUSHED FORWARD WHILE DEVISING MEASURES PGWARD OPPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITY, 18.4; (C) SAFETY OF REACTORS SHOULD BE PUBLICIZED SO AS TO RID PEOPLE OF THEIR PRECONCEPTION WH REACTORS ARE DANGEROUS, 23.6; (D) RID LOCAL CITIZENS OF THEIR DISTRUST OF P YAR COMPANIES, 14.6; (E) IN CONSTRUCTING POWER PLANTS, OPINIONS OF LOCAL CITIZENS SHOULD BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, 34.5; (F) CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO RETURN PROFITS FROM ATOMIC POWER PLANT TO LOCAL COMMUNITY, 12.7; (G) AM OPPOSED TO DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC POWER GENERATION SO LONG AS JAPAN STILL HEAVILY DEPENDS ON THE UNITED STATES FOR NUCLEAR POWER TECHNOLOGY, 8.5; (H) AM OPPOSED AS I FEAR CONSTRUCTION OF ATOMIC POWER PLANTS MAY BE DIVERTED TO MILITARY PURPOSES, 7.5; (I) OTHER, 0.6; (J) DK, 30.3.

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4. SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED AMONG NATIONAL PROBABILITY SAMPLE OF 1,541 VOTING AGE RESPONDENTS (20 YEARS OR OVER).
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